



Palliser Regional Schools

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To the parents of our bused students:

Recent shortages of diesel fuel across Western Canada have threatened to affect the bus service provided to Palliser families.

The supply shortage and the availability of diesel from our providers may change from day to day and are factors beyond our control.

Fortunately, UFA cardlock facilities in Vulcan, Picture Butte and Nobleford, the Coalhurst Esso, as well as the County of Lethbridge shops in Picture Butte and Coaldale have made the safe transport of students a priority, and we are optimistic this will keep our buses running without disruption. We are certainly grateful for their support through this fuel shortage that is affecting operations across Western Canada.

Should the fuel situation change for the worse, I'd like you to be aware of how we will handle the situation and what this might mean to you and your family

If the bus does not have enough fuel for both runs of the day, to and from school, the route will be cancelled. We will not bus your students to school if we don't have the fuel to also bus them home.

If a route is cancelled, drivers will be calling each home on the route to notify you, and the driver will update you daily on the situation so you can know when the service will resume.

We understand the supply shortage may soon be resolved and we thank you for your patience through this shortage. We're thankful to have the support of our suppliers for the important task of student transportation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Palliser Transportation Department at 403-380-2612.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent
Palliser Regional Schools